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REMARKS

A restriction requirement and election of group 1, claims 1, 7-13, and 17-20 have been made. Claims 1-6 and 14-14, group II, are withdrawn. Under 35 USC § 103(a), claim 1 was rejected as obvious over Talaga, Jr. (US Pat. No. 5,942,921) in view of Kuo (US Pat.

5 No. 6,661,713).

Claims 7-13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 17-20 are allowed.

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Allowable claim 7 is being re-written in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 1. Thus claims 7-13 should now be allowable.

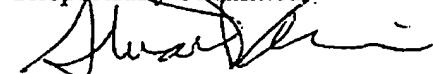
In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 7-13, and 17-20, as amended, are in a 15 position for allowance. Applicant believes that a full and complete response to the office action has been made. Reconsideration and re-examination is respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (831) 476-5506.

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